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TO: Health Care Provider – Hospital and Physician

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SUBJECT: Enterra Therapy for Treatment of Gastroparesis

Effective for dates of service on and after March 1, 2005, Arkansas Medicaid will cover Enterra, implantable neurostimulator therapy.

- A. Coverage of Enterra therapy is limited to individuals ages 18 through 69 with diabetic and idiopathic gastroparesis (diagnosis codes 536.3 and 250.6).
 - 1. Service will include the implantable neurostimulator electrode(s) and the neurostimulator pulse generator.
 - 2. Implantation procedures for neurostimulator pulse generator and the neurostimulator electrodes are covered as inpatient surgical procedures.
 - a. The surgical procedures require prior authorization (PA) by Arkansas Foundation for Medical Care, Inc. (AFMC). Refer to your provider manual for AFMC PA request procedures.
 - b. An approval letter from the Institutional Review Board is required. Patient's record must include documentation that further total parental nutrition (TPN) therapy is not an option.
 - 3. Procedure for revision or removal of the peripheral neurostimulator electrodes does not require PA, but claim will be manually reviewed prior to reimbursement.

- B. The following procedure codes must be used when filing claims.
 - \$2213 Implantation of gastric electrical stimulation
 - **64555** Implantation of peripheral neurostimulator electrodes
 - **64595** Revision or removal of the peripheral neurostimulator electrodes

Claims filed for procedure codes **\$2213** and **64555** must include a prior authorization number.

Procedure code **64595** does not require prior authorization but claim must be filed on paper with operative report attached.

All paper claims require a type of service code **2** for surgery and, if necessary, type of service code **8** for assistant surgeon.

Thank you for your participation in the Arkansas Medicaid Program.

Roy Jeffus, Director

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